

Please replace the Abstract of the Disclosure with the following amended Abstract:

A chuck is provided for retaining the shank of a tool bit or accessory, having a fixed diameter, inserted in a central channel at a distal end of ~~said the chuck,~~ ~~comprising at~~ At least one torsion spring is mounted axially within a housing and having has an inner dimension and shape comparable to said the shank's outer dimension and shape, ~~and~~ ~~mechanical means for winding and unwinding said~~ A mechanism winds and unwinds the torsion spring to respectively grip or release said the shank, said the winding being in a rotational direction consistent with a normal operating rotational direction of said the chuck such that said the shank tends to further wind said the torsion spring for further self-tightening in normal operation.

Note: The replacement Abstract of the Disclosure is attached hereto on a separate sheet as required (37 CFR 1.72)